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SUBJECT: J\$11 MILLION LOSS BY SUGAR INDUSTRY DUE TO
THREE-WEEK STRIKE

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1. THE JAMAICAN SUGAR INDUSTRY HAS COMPLETED ESTIMATES OF THE LOSSES INCURRED DUE TO THE THREE-WEEK STRIKE AT THE FACTORIES AND THE DELIVERY WAREHOUSE IN KINGSTON. ACCORDING TO THE SUGAR INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (SIA), THE COUNTRY LOST THE EQUIVALENT OF J\$7.9 MILLION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE ON SUGAR NOT SHIPPED. CONSIGNMENTS TOTALLING 18,000 LONG TONS OF SUGAR DID NOT GO FORWARD TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC) AS PLANNED AND TWO SHIPS HAD TO BE DIVERTED. THE TEN FACTORIES SUFFERED A DIRECT LOSS IN "TIME AND EFFORT" OF AN ESTIMATED J\$4 MILLION ACCORDING TO THE SUGAR PRODUCERS FEDERATION (SPF). A TOTAL OF NEAR 30,000 TONS OF CANE WHICH HAD BEEN REAPED PRIOR TO THE STRIKE WERE SPOILT.

2. THE INDUSTRY-WIDE WORK STOPPAGE CAME TO AN END OVER THE WEEKEND WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF THE WAGE CLAIM OF WORKERS AT THE WAREHOUSE IN KINGSTON LATE FRIDAY NIGHT. DELIVERY OF SUGAR TO LOCAL INDUSTRIES BEGAN ON SATURDAY AND IS IN FULL SWING TODAY.

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